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CLIMATE COOLING CONTROL
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HYBRID VEHICLES

Examiner William E. Tapolcai

RESPONSE

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 1, 2004, wherein Claims 1-16 were rejected and Claims 17-20 were indicated as including allowable subject matter. On page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 102(e) as being anticipated by Iwanami et al. Claims 5, 8, 10, 13, 15, and 16 were further rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 103 as being unpatentable over Iwanami et al. and other various cited art.

The Applicants of the present application have executed an affidavit under 37 CFR 1.131 eliminating the rejections based upon the Iwanami et al. reference. The present patent application and Claims 1-20 should not be in condition for allowance and the Applicants respectfully request

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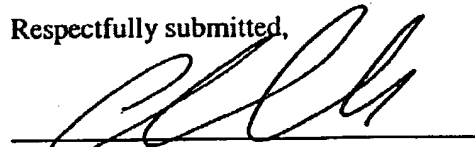
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such action at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is requested to call the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

If for some reason a fee needs to be paid, as well as one-month extension please charge our Deposit Account No. 07"0960 for the fees which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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